

Murder will Out:

An Impartial

NARRATIVE

OF THE

Notorious Wicked Life

OF

Cap^t. Harrifon,

WHO WAS

Arraign'd, Try'd, and Convicted,

AT THE

Sessions-House in the Old-Baily, on Wednesday last, the Sixth Instant, for the late Barbarous, Cruel, and unheard of Murder of

Doctor Clench.

Giving a particular Account of his Birth, Parentage, and Education; of his first coming to *London*, and his being Clerk to Sir J. O. of *Grays-Inn*; of his Cheating a Royal-Oak Lottery-Man at *Tunbridge* of Eight Hundred Pounds; of his going a Commission-Officer against the Duke of *Monmouth* in the *West*, and his Rascally Behaviour towards the said Duke, when he Suffer'd on *Tower-Hill*; of his lately frequenting several ill Houses, and bad Company: And lastly, of the Motives and Reasons that induced him to commit the said Barbarous and unheard of Murder, on the Body of the said Doctor: With the manner of it, and the true Causes of its Discovery.

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CHAP. I.

Containing Admonitions against the Crying Sin of Murther, with Respect to the Fact, of which Mr. Harrison is found Guilty.

THE Sin of *Murther* is not only an Injury to our Brother, but even the highest Contempt and Despite towards God himself, for it is the Defacing of his Image, which he hath stamped upon Man, *For in the Image of God made he Man*, Gen. 9. 6. Nay yet further, it is the usurping of God's proper Right and Authority. For it is God alone, that hath right to dispose of the Life of Man; 'twas he alone that gave it, and it is he alone that hath Power to take it away; but he that *Murthers* a Man, does as it were wrest this Power out of God's Hand, which is the highest Pitch of Rebellious Presumption. And as the Sin is great, so likewise is the Punishment; we see it frequently very great and remarkable even in this World, (besides those most fearful Effects of it in the next) Bloud not only cries, but it cries for Vengeance, and the Great God of Recompences, as he stiles himself, will not fail to hear it: Very many Examples the Scripture gives us of this: *Ahab* and *Jezabel*, that Murthered Innocent *Naboth*, for greediness of his Vineyard, were themselves Slain, and the Dogs licked their Blood in the Place where they had shed his, as you may read in that Story; So *Absalon* that Slew his Brother *Amnon*, after he had committed that Sin, fell into an other, that of Rebellion against his King and Father, and in it miserably perished. And it is worth our Notice, what strange and even miraculous means it hath often pleased God to use for the Discovery of this Sin; the very Brute Creatures have often been made Instruments of it; nay, often the extream Horror of a Man's own Conscience hath made him betray himself; so that it is not any Closeness a Man uses in the Acting of this Sin, that can secure him from the Vengeance of it, for he can never shut out his own Conscience, that will in Spight of him be privy to the Fact, and that very often proves the means of Discovering it

it to the World, or if it should not do that, yet it will sure
 act Revenge on him, it will be such a Hell within him as will
 be worse than Death : This we have seen in many, who after
 the Commission of this Sin have never been able to enjoy a
 Minutes rest, but have had that intollerable Anguish of Mind,
 that they have chosen to be their own *Murderers*, rather than
 live in it. These are the usual Effects of this Sin even in this
 World, but those in another are yet more dreadful, where
 surely the highest Degree of Torment belong to this high
 Pitch of Wickedness : For if, as our Saviour tells us, *Matth.*
5. 22. Hell-Fire be the Portion of him that shall but call his
Brother Fool, what degree of those Burnings can we think pro-
 portionable to this so much greater an Injury.

C H A P. II.

*Containing Reasons for Publishing these Memoirs: Also, Brief
 Remarks on Mr. Harrisons Birth, Parentage, and Education,
 with his being a Clerk to Sir John O—— of Grays Inn, &c.*

THe occasion of Writing these *Memoirs*, was not with a
 design to add Affliction to the Afflicted, or to load the
 Memory of him who is ready to pay the dear price of his
 Blood for the Crimes and Immoralities he has been Guilty of,
 and of which herein the Reader shall meet some Account ;
 but that in the Description thereof, I may set up the same as
 a Buoy or Sea-Mark for others, to avoid those courses where-
 in he was Wrack'd.

Mr. *Harrison* was descended of an Honourable Family
 near *New-Castle*, his Parents being well Reputed and Honest,
 who was likewise possessor of a considerable Estate, nor is it any
 wonder, that persons so qualified, should have the Misfor-
 tune of such a Child, since every days Experience demon-
 strates this as Truth : A good Father may have a bad Son,
 Virtue and Vice rarely running in the Channels of Nature ;
 though certainly their Crimes are greater, who are the Of-
 spring of such Parents, and run Counter, not only to their
 Examples and Instructions, but also, the benefits of that Edu-

cation they generally bring them up under, and which was not wanting to the Person of whom we now Treat, who was liberally Educated (with all the care and caution, that good Parents could bestow upon him) at two Grammar-Schools, where he made a considerable Progress, as to his Learning, and in the Spring of his Youth, promised a better Harvest than the Summer of his Life produced; for he was a pretty hopeful young Gentleman, till he had lived for some time with Sir John O— of *Grays-Inn* as his Clerk; when its probable the great Deceiver of Mankind, taking notice of his early Ripeness, was resolved to corrupt the Root, and blast the Fruit that might be expected thence; for about this time it was he began to shew his future carriage in Leudness and Debauchery.

CHAP. III.

Mr. Harrison leaves Sir John, and living at large, spends his whole time in Gaming, Ordinaries, and Bawdy-Houses, where he soon spends his Fortune, after which he sets up for a Bully or Hector. A brief Character of those Places and Persons.

MR. Harrison during his being with Sir John O—, was too much addicted to the unhappy and leud Conversations of the Town Bravo's, though not so Publick, till after his leaving of *Grays Inn*, when he pulled off his Mask, seldom frequenting any other places but Gaming-Ordinaries and Bawdy-Houses, his Companions being those of the first Rate in Rudeness and Debauchery: As for the first of these Vices, namely, Gaming, it is an Enchanting Witchery, begot betwixt Idleness and Avarice; which has this ill property above all other Vices, that it renders a Man incapable of prosecuting any serious Action. One propounded this Question, whither Men in Ships at Sea were to be accounted among the Living or the Dead, because there were but few Inches between them and Drowning. The same Quere may be made of great Gamesters, though their Estates be never so considerable, Whether they are to be esteemed Poor or Rich, since there

here are but a few Casts at Dice, betwixt a Person of For-
 tune (in that circumstance) and a Beggar. Blaspheming,
 Drunkenness, and Swearing, are here so familiar, that Civi-
 ty is by the Rule of Contraries, accounted a Vice: And
 as to Whoring, (besides that of ruining the Soul) *Solomon* tells
 us, That by the means of a Whorish Woman, a Man is
 brought to a Morfel of Bred, which saying was verified in
 Mr. *Harrison*, for he had not pursued these extravagant
 Courses long before his Fortune became Bankrupt, and our
 kind Bubble or Cully, was at last forc'd to turn Bully or He-
 ctor himself, coming into the List of *Hectors*, *Trappanners*,
Silts, *Biters*, *Crosbiters*, &c. under the general appellation of
Rooks; and now he was got into the high Road to Ruin,
 these being a *Nursery* for *Tyburn*; for there's scarcely a Ses-
 sions passes without some one of this Gang marching thither.
 When a young Gentleman or Prentice comes into this School
 of Vertue, unskill'd in the quibles and devices there Practised,
 they call him a *Lamb*, then a *Rook*, (who is properly the
Wolf) follows him close, and engages him in advantageous
 Betts, and at length Worries him, that is, gets all his Mony,
 and then they smile, and say, *The Lamb is bitten*. Of these
Rooks, some will be very importunate to borrow Money, with-
 out any intention of repaying; others will watch, if when
 you are serious at at your Game, your Sword hang loose be-
 hind, and lift that away; others will not scruple, if they spy
 an opportunity, directly to pick your Pocket; yet if all fail,
 some will Nim off the Gold or Silver Buttons off your Coat,
 or Steal your Cloak if it be loose; others will throw at a Sum
 of Money with a dry Fist, (as they call it,) that is, if they
 Nick you, 'tis theirs; if they loose, they owe you so much,
 wish many other Quillets; or if you chance to Nick them,
 'tis much if they do not wait your coming out at Night and
 Beat you. Towards Night, when Ravenous Beasts usually
 seek their Prey, there comes into this Ordinary, Shoals of
 of these *Rooks*, and when it grows late, and the Company
 thin, and your Eyes dim with Watching, false Dice are often
 put on the Ignorant, or they are otherways Coufened with
 Topping or Slurring, with divers other ways, too many here
 to Ennumerate.

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CHAP. IV.

*How Mr. Harrifon gets the Name of a Famous Bulley or Sharper
How he cheated the Royal-Oak-Men at Tunbridge of 800
by Palming a false Ball on them. How he gets a Commission
to go against the Duke of Monmouth, his Behaviour towards
the said Duke at the Guard on Tower-Hill. His becoming
a Gallant to a Merchants Widdow.*

Mr. *Harrifon*, continuing this loose and extravagant way of Living, acquired in Time so great a Proficiency in the Art and Mystery of Rooking, that he was accounted one of the greatest Sharpers or Bullies about the Town, for it was this Mr. *Harrifon* that about Years past, being at the Royal-Oak-Lottery at *Tun-Bridge* Palm'd a false Ball on the Oak-Men, and that so dexterously that they had not the least Jealousy of it, till by his continually setting very high upon one Figure (for several Days together) he had gotten of the Bank about 800 l. Sterling. When the late Duke of *Monmouth* Landed in the *West of England*, Mr. *Harrifon* got a Commission in the Regiment of *Fuzeliers*, Commanded by the Late Lord *Dartmouth*, and Commanded on the Guard at *Tower-Hill*, when the said Duke was Executed, villifying his Person at a strange Rate; not long after this he was broken for some Misdemeanor, as some say, for Cowardise, after which he was forced to have recourse to his old Imployment, and tho' often-times he was wretchedly Poor, bare of Money, and expos'd to many wants yet by one means or other he would have good Cloaths and a Footman always attending him, tho' neither Man nor Master for several Days had 12d to bless themselves, he seldom kept one Footman any longer then till his Livery was worn out, and then seeks after another, for his way was when ever he saw a Footman with a pretty whole Livery (be it of what Colour it will) that was out of Place, he would be getting of him into his Service. About two Years since he

et Acquaintance with one Madam ——— a Merchants Wid-
ow, who then lived in *Bridewell Precinct*, with whom he
kept Company with, as her Gallant, which he had not long
before they removed into a House in *Buckingham-
Court* near *Charing-Cross*.

C H A P. V.

*Harrison having spent his Mistresses Fortune, removes with her
to Salisbury-Court. A Difference between her and Doctor
Clench, suppos'd to be the main Reason or Motive that in-
duced Harrison to commit the late Horrid and most Barba-
rous Murther, on the Body of the Doctor, with a Relation of
the manner of it. His being seiz'd and sent to Newgate,
Tried and found Guilty at the Old-Bayly.*

MR. *Harrison*, and our Madam, lived so long together
in *Buckingham-Court*, in Riotousness and Extrava-
gancy, that thinking it not safe to be there any longer, a-
bout 15 Months since, they removed from thence into *Salis-
bury-Court*, not far from their former Lodgings: Not long
before this, one Doctor *Clench*, (a very Worthy and honest
Physician, living in *Brownlow-Street*) had lent Mr. *Harrison's*
Mistress a Sum of Money on a Mortgage, which afterwards,
it is said, finding the [thing] Mortgaged to another, or,
divers other Reasons, calling in his Money, which the
Mistress was so far from paying, that she desired more on the
same Account: In short, a great difference arising, the
Doctor pursued the Gentlewoman at Law, which *Harrison*
resented so heinously, on the behalf of his Mistress, that some
time before the Doctor was Murdered, at *Joe's Coffee-House*
Holbourn, he was heard to say, That Dr. *Clench* was a
Scoundrel and a Villain, and that he would be the Death of him,
in words to that effect; and he was not long after as good
as his Word; for, on the Fourth of *January*, about the hour
Ten at Night, Mr. *Harrison*, and another Person, not yet
known, called a Coach at the *Temple-Gate*, and ordered the
Coachman to drive to *Brownlow-Street-end*; where being come,
they

they sent the Coach-man to Dr. *Glench's* House, to desire the Doctor to come to them, in order to visit a considerable Patient, that was dangerously Ill, by the *Mag. Pye* without *Algate*: Upon which, he went with the Coach-man to the Coach, where they perswaded him to take Coach with them, to the said place; but in the way, or coming by these Two Persons (after the *Turks* manner) most barbarously Murthered the Doctor, by Strangling him with Handkerchief; they made a very short stay at *Algate*; as they came back, passing near *Leaden-Hall-Market*, they made the Coach-man stop, and gave him Money to buy the best Capon he could get: The Coach-man was no sooner gone, but the Two Russians made their Escape; the Coach-man returning with the Poulterer, found the Coach door open, the Two Gentlemen gone, and, to their great surprise the Doctor alone lying dead in the Coach; the Body, by order of the Constables, &c. was, for that Night, carried to the *Bull Inn*, and some time after removed to his own House. The *Wednesday* following the Murther, *Harrison* was Taken in *White-Fryars*, by Warrant from the Lord Chief Justice *Holt*; and when brought before his Lordship, being examin'd to give an account where he was from 9 to 12 *Monday* Night, which he could not do, but by very scandalous Persons, and that in a very lame manner; and being able to give but a very slender account of himself; there being, at that time, very corroborating Circumstances fix'd on him, the Lord Chief Justice committed him to Newgate that Night, where he continued till the 6th Instant on which said day, being brought to the *Old-Bayly*, he was there Arraigned and Tryed for the wilful Murther of Doctor *Glench*; where, upon hearing the full Evidence, he was found Guilty. The Tryal lasted above Four hours, and certainly never Man had a fairer Tryal; never Man of his Character, had a more substantial and intelligent Jury; never Man had the happiness to come before more Patient and Merciful, more Learned and Impartial Judges.

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